

National Recreation and Preservation/Statutory or Contractual Aid for Other Activities

JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE

Activity: Statutory or Contractual Aid for Other Activities
Subactivity: Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission

Program Component	1999 Estimate	Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	2000 Budget Request	Change From 1999 (+/-)
Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission	158	0	-158	0	-158
Total Requirements \$(000)	158	0	-158	0	-158

AUTHORIZATION

Public Law 100-698, Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission Establishment Act, 1988.

OVERVIEW

The NPS provides assistance to **Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission** for support of the historical and cultural aspects of nine southwestern Pennsylvania counties in order to preserve heritage features of the major prevalent industries of the region.

APPLICABLE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MISSION GOALS

- Ia Natural and cultural resources and associated values are protected, restored and maintained in good condition and managed within their broader ecosystem and cultural context.
- Ib The National Park Service contributes to knowledge about natural and cultural resources and associated values; management decisions about resources and visitors are based on adequate scholarly and scientific information.
- IIa Visitors safely enjoy and are satisfied with the availability, accessibility, diversity, and quality of park facilities, services, and appropriate recreational opportunities.
- IIb Park visitors and the general public understand and appreciate the preservation of parks and their resources for this and future generations.
- IIIa Natural and cultural resources are conserved through formal partnership programs.
- IIIb Through partnerships with other Federal, State, and local agencies and nonprofit organizations, a nationwide system of parks, open space, rivers, and trails provides educational, recreational, and conservation benefits for the American people.

***Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission
FY 1999 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments***

Enacted: \$158,000

The "Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission Act" authorized the creation of a commission to recognize, preserve, promote and interpret the cultural heritage associated with the three basic industries of iron and steel, coal, and transportation in a nine-county region in southwestern Pennsylvania. The nine counties are: Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fayette, Fulton, Huntington, Indiana, Somerset, and Westmoreland. The act also specifies that this commission work with the Pittsburgh area Steel Industry Heritage Corporation, and other interested parties which represent the Allegheny and Washington Counties-Monongahela River Valley area, in order to submit a report

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concerning the cultural and historical resource values of the region. The commission has completed a comprehensive management plan and a scope and cost of implementation document to direct future programming.

Appropriated funds support commission operations including staffing and related expenses.

FY 2000 BUDGET REQUEST

	2000 Budget Request	Program Changes (+/-)
▪ Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission	0	-158

▪ *Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission (-\$158,000)*: The NPS is requesting the elimination of funding for the Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission in FY 2000. Authority for the commission expired in November 1998. Accordingly, only the portion of Federal funding support necessary for the first two months of the year was provided in FY 1999. No funding is required in FY 2000.